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Mr. Duckett called to advise me of the contact made with him by General Don Johnson, Director, Defense Nuclear Agency, concerning Duckett's testimony before Senator William Proxmire's (D., Wis.) Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the Soyuz/Apollo flight. General Johnson told Duckett that he was in agreement with Duckett's statement as released by Senator Proxmire and that he intends to contact George Lowe, Deputy Director of NASA about the danger of proceeding with the flight while the present Soviet spacecraft is in orbit. Mr. Duckett merely wanted to alert me to these facts.

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12. [ ] Called Guy McConnell on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee and briefed him on the circumstances concerning the appointment of [ ] as special Agency counsel for the current congressional inquiries. I had previously discussed this matter with McConnell and he expressed agreement with our reasons for obtaining outside counsel at this time.

McConnell mentioned Senator William Proxmire's (D., Wis.) release of Carl Duckett's statement concerning the Soyuz/Apollo project and asked if this had been cleared with the Agency as Senator Proxmire had indicated. I said that indeed it had, that Mr. Duckett had agreed to the release of the statement. McConnell said he thought our handling of the Proxmire briefings had worked out well and obviously had pleased Senator Proxmire and resulted in his recent favorable statement on the Senate floor.

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